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DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

We, Howard W. Lutnick, and Michael Sweeting, declare that we are, respectively, citizens of the United States, and the United Kingdom, residing and having post office addresses at 180 East 64th Street, New York, New York, 10021, and Innes House, 10 Ayling Lane, Aldershot, England, Gull 3LZ, United Kingdom, respectively;

that we verily believe ourselves to be the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on:

SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR IMPROVING THE
LIQUIDITY AND DISTRIBUTION NETWORK
FOR ILLIQUID ITEMS

the specification of which

[] is attached hereto

[X] was filed on July 8, 2003
as Application No. 10/615,721.

that we have reviewed and do understand the content of said specification, including the claims, and acknowledge our duty to disclose to the United States Patent and Trademark Office information known by us to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56;

that we do not know and do not believe that this invention or discovery was ever known or used in the United States of America before our invention or discovery thereof, or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before our invention or discovery thereof, or more than one year prior to

this application; or in public use or on sale in the United States of America more than one year prior to this application; that this invention or discovery has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate issued before the date of this application in any country foreign to the United States of America on an application filed by us or our legal representatives or assigns more than twelve months prior to this application; and that no application for patent or inventor's certificate on this invention or discovery has been filed in any country foreign to the United States of America by us or our legal representatives or assigns;

and we hereby appoint Laurence S. Rogers, Esq., Reg. No. 28,465, Mark H. Bloomberg, Esq., Reg. No. 33,158, Jeffrey H. Ingerman, Esq., Reg. No. 31,069, and Joel Weiss, Esq., Reg. No. 44,398, our attorneys, Hassan Albakri (Limited Recognition), and Michael J. Chasan, Reg. No. 54,026, our agents, with power of substitution, and with power of appointment of associate attorneys and agents, and of revocation of their powers, to prosecute this application and any divisions, continuations in whole or in part, renewals and reissues of the same, and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith;

and we request that communications be sent to:

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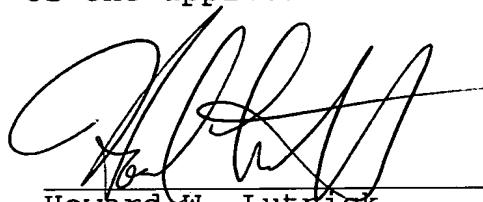
and that telephone calls be directed to:

Hassan Albakri
(212) 596-9000.

Wherefore, we pray that Letters Patent be granted to us for the invention or discovery described and claimed in the attached specification and claims, and we hereby subscribe our names to the foregoing specification and claims, declaration, and power of attorney.

We declare, further, that we understand the English language and that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true, and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and, further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

12/2/03
Date



Howard W. Lutnick

26th Nov 03
Date



Michael Sweeting